

In the Specification:

P. 1, line 2, insert the heading  
-- Technical Field --;

P. 1, line 18, insert the heading  
-- Background of the Invention --;

P. 2, line 14, insert the heading  
-- Summary of the Invention --;

Replace the paragraph beginning on p. 2, line 15, with the following amended paragraphs

-- The present invention is intended to create an improved feeder device for a timber harvester, which will have a long operating life and excellent reliability. The feeder device is an essential component in a timber harvester and has a significant effect on the total weight of the entire machine. The invention is intended to reduce the size of and weight of the track feeder device, without impairing its durability. These objectives are achieved by ~~means of the features stated in Claim 1~~ a feeder device in a timber harvester, which includes a frame, a 3-row roller chain arranged to be rotated around a drive sprocket, a turnover member and rolling guides, which rolling guides extend for a great length on the adhesion side, between the drive sprocket and the turnover member, and in which roller chain there are rows of links staggered relative to each other by transverse pins, comprising a middle row of links and outer rows of links, each row of links including rollers rolling in the corresponding rolling guides and set in bearings in the transverse pins, and in which the drive sprocket is arranged to drive by its teeth the middle row of links of the roller chain through its rollers, characterized in that the outer rows of links of the roller chain are equipped with rollers of a greater diameter than the rollers of the middle row of links, in which case the middle rolling base is correspondingly raised relative to the outer rolling bases.

The invention is largely based on the observation that the rolling base mainly wears only at the sides, but that the size of the outer rows of links is determined by the middle row of links, in which the rollers are adapted to the driving sprocket. Wear is thus generally limited to the side rows of the crawler track. The row in the middle of the track generally does not wear, even though it is subjected to the stress of the drive sprocket driving the track. Therefore the outer rows of links can, in fact, be equipped with larger rollers, provided that the rolling base is also adapted to rollers of different sizes. --;

Replace the paragraph beginning on p. 2, line 35, with the following amended paragraph

~~-- In the following, the invention is examined with the aid of one embodiment, which is shown in the accompanying drawings. These and other features and advantages of the invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description of the invention taken together with the accompanying drawings.~~ --;

P. 3, line 1, insert the heading

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --;

P. 3, line 8, insert the heading

-- Detailed Description of the Invention --;

Insert the following paragraph beginning on p. 7, line 5, with the following paragraph

-- Although the invention has been described by reference to specific embodiments, it should be understood that numerous changes may be made within the spirit and scope of the inventive concepts described. Accordingly, it is intended that the invention not be limited to the described embodiments, but that it have the full scope defined by the language of the following claims. --;